

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2015
Minutes

Attending: Gail Fernandez, Denise Budd, Joshua Guttman, Gina Hermann, Kate Hossain, Tracy Saltwick, Coleen di Lauro, Keith Chu, Andrew Tomko.

1. Meeting started at 12:35.
2. October Minutes were accepted 8-0-0.
3. Gen Ed Assessment Update
 - a. There is interest from Philosophy & Religion, Communications, World Languages, Literature.
 - b. Please encourage faculty to submit work.
 - c. If the Gen Ed committee becomes a Senate Committee in the spring, the current committee will end the current assessment project this fall. They will evaluate student work in January.
4. Gen Ed Committee Status:
 - a. The issue of whether the Gen Ed Committee should be part of the Senate or a presidential committee is long standing.
 - b. The chair spoke with Alan Kaufman previously about leaving the Gen Ed Committee as it is through the end of the 2015-2016 academic cycle.
 - c. At the Faculty Senate meeting in November, Alan Kaufman stated that the Gen Ed Committee will become a Senate Committee beginning this spring (2016). A new committee will be appointed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The Gen Ed chair spoke at the Faculty Senate on Nov. 10th:
 - i. Committee membership is excellent. It is comprised of dedicated, hardworking faculty.
 - ii. This year the Committee is looking to see that Gen Ed courses touch upon all the Gen Ed goals and LEAP outcomes.
 - iii. We are getting a good response to the current assessment project and would like to collect artifacts in the spring as well.
 - iv. Middle States might view it as odd that we are changing the Committee in middle of an academic year, especially since we got a good vibe from Dr. Ender (Middle States Chair) about the assessment project when he visited in October.
 - v. What is the urgency?

- d. The Committee will send a letter to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee stating their views.
5. New Jersey Council of County Colleges Review of all Science and Technology Courses
 - a. Science and Technology designated as Gen Ed courses will need to submit course syllabi, student learning outcomes that meet NJCCC GE learning goals and assignments that demonstrate students acquired the goals.
 - b. The Chair will update the committee when she gets further details on what the committee will need to do.
6. General Education Outcomes Matrix
 - a. Chair asked committee members to complete their course review if they haven't.
 - b. The matrix will be posted on the Gen Ed website.
 - c. Committee feels that most BCC Gen Ed goals and LEAP outcomes are addressed except for the LEAP outcome of Integrative and Applied Learning.
7. Video on Critical Thinking (Magna) update: (Kate Hossain)
 - a. The library can purchase a CD and faculty can view it.
 - b. We can look into streaming access (more complicated and expensive).
 - c. The Gen Ed committee will ask Faculty Development Committee if they think it may be of interest.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:10.

Submitted by Gail Fernandez